



WASHINGTON COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	809	823	775
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	153	154	161
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	123,932	126,467	125,159
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	41,875	40,224	42,681
<i>Hogs</i>	9,889	10,636	5,718
<i>Sheep</i>	1,897	1,595	1,489
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			59,577
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			36,741
<i>Cattle & Calves (\$1,000)</i>			6,643
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			3,438
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	51.0	52.5	53.6
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	9.0	7.8	13.5
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			1,560
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			4,460
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$12,295,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	12	<i>Soybeans</i>	16
<i>Barley</i>	4	<i>Vegetables</i>	12
<i>Forage</i>	2	<i>Wheat</i>	12

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	3	<i>Milk Cows</i>	2
<i>Broilers</i>	12	<i>Sheep</i>	6
<i>Hogs</i>	1		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	14,000	115.0	1,610,000
	2004	11,500	161.2	1,853,700
	2005	11,200	113.0	1,265,100
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	12,800	14.2	181,700
	2004	9,100	18.1	164,800
	2005	9,100	14.9	135,300
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	6,200	41.0	254,300
	2004	9,900	49.6	490,900
	2005	8,300	34.4	285,600
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	2,900	40.6	117,700
	2004	3,800	51.4	195,320
	2005	3,500	60.6	212,100
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	22,600	3.1	71,100
	2004	21,800	2.9	62,300
	2005	19,600	3.1	61,500
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	1,300	54.2	70,500
	2004	1,600	68.8	110,100
	2005	1,900	86.4	164,100

* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$54.77	\$62.30	\$59.96

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